

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christopher Bowley on February 28, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. In line ³/~~2~~ of claim 1, delete "greatest" and insert therein --maximum--. BB-4-23-07
2. In line ~~2~~/⁴ of claim 1, delete "NA," and insert therein --NA bigger than 1,--. BB 4-23-07
3. In line ~~7~~ of claim 1, delete "objective, the" and insert therein --objective, and the--. BB-4-23-07
4. In lines ¹⁶/~~8~~ and ¹⁷/~~9~~ of claim 1, delete ", and the value of the numerical aperture is BB-4-23-07
bigger than 1--.